

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A quantity of communication burden on a user is to be alleviated, and resetting of a terminal ensuing from user replacement is to take no time or a minimum length of time. To this end, there is provided a user decision unit which has a user list in which users having experience of using the terminal if only once can be referenced and registered as users and controls the resetting of terminal setting information by inquiring about the presence or absence of the user's experience of using the terminal. Further, a mechanism to hold setting information, which would otherwise be initialized after the user is replaced, as a user list to which management numbers which are valid only in the terminal are added in a region separate from the setting information region for terminal users even after the user replacement. This arrangement can dispense with the initialization of setting information for users having experience of using the terminal if only once, and the resetting of setting information, which would otherwise be required at the time of user replacement for every user, can be realized by replacing the setting information in current use with the setting information for users.